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Through Phased Discard Strategy Selection**Serial Number:** 09/843,315**Art Unit:** 2665**Examiner:** Philpott, Justin M**Amendment**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is a response to a non-final Office action mailed April 5, 2005. A request for a necessary one-month extension of time in which to respond is filed concurrently herewith.

Figure 1 of the drawings is being amended to explicitly show an output buffer 160 for node A in the illustrated network. As noted in the Office action, support for the illustration of this buffer is found in paragraph 15 of the specification, as filed. Figure 5 of the drawings is being amended to change the first occurrence of reference numeral "522" to "520". Support for this change is found in paragraph 39 of the specification, as filed. Replacement Sheets including these two figures accompany this amendment.

The specification is being amended as indicated in the **Changes to the Specification** section of this paper to eliminate a superfluous reference numeral. The reason for this change is more fully discussed in the **Remarks** section of this paper.

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The claims are being amended in accordance with the Office action and to eliminate one misspelling noted during preparation of this paper. The amended claims appear in the **Listing of Claims** section of this paper. The amendments are more fully discussed in the **Remarks** section.